

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Joint ) Application No. NG-0044  
Application of Aquila Inc. D/B/A )  
Aquila Networks, Kansas City, )  
Missouri; Black Hills Corpora- )  
tion, and Black Hills/Nebraska )  
Gas Utility Company, LLC, both ) ASSESSMENT ORDER NO. HS-001  
of Rapid City, South Dakota, )  
seeking approval of the proposed )  
transfer of Aquila's Certificate )  
of Convenience and for a Change )  
of Control of Aquila's Nebraska )  
jurisdictional assets. ) Entered: May 15, 2007

BY THE COMMISSION:

The Commission has received an invoice dated May 1, 2007, from Harding & Shultz (HS) for costs associated with the above-captioned docket, totaling \$2,600.31. Commission staff has reviewed the invoice and found it to conform to the Agreement for the Base Public Advocate Services dated November 15, 2004, subsequently amended, between the Commission and Harding & Shultz, as well as a Memorandum of Understanding dated May 11, 2007. Commission staff recommends the Commission approve assessment of the expenses reflected on the invoice for those services performed by HS on or after the Notice of Assessment date April 10, 2007, from Aquila, Inc., d/b/a Aquila Networks (Aquila), pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. sec. 66-1840. The amount of those services performed after April 10, 2007, totals \$1,496.31.

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Upon the recommendation of the Commission staff, the Commission finds that assessment from Aquila of \$1,496.31 for services performed by HS in the above proceeding on or after April 10, 2007, should be approved. The Commission further finds that the Commission should pay the \$1,496.31 upon receipt of payment by Aquila.

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IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Commission that the above-mentioned assessment is approved and hereby made and that payment of the above-mentioned amount be made upon receipt of payment by Aquila, Inc.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 15th day of May, 2007.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

*Gerald F. Vep*

*Anne C. Boyle*

*Tim Schram*

//s// Rod Johnson

//s// Frank E. Landis

Chairman

*Rod Johnson*

ATTEST:

*A. D. Pollock*

Executive Director